

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A bi- or multi-phasic tablet comprising an effective amount of a moisture sensitive active ingredient, present in one or more of the phases, wherein the moisture sensitive active ingredient is topiramate; wherein the phases are cylindrical layers; and wherein at least one of the ~~layers~~phases comprises hygroscopic gum material; and wherein none of the ~~layers~~phases contains both moisture sensitive active ingredient and hygroscopic gum material.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A bi-~~layer~~phasic tablet according to claim 21, ~~wherein having~~ one ~~layer~~phase that comprises an effective amount of ~~a~~the moisture sensitive active ingredient and another ~~layer~~phase that comprises the hygroscopic gum material.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A bi- or multi-~~layer~~phasic tablet according to claim 21, wherein the hygroscopic gum material is alginate, gum Arabic or xanthan gum.

7. (Currently amended) A bi- or multi-~~layer~~phasic tablet according to claim 21, wherein the hygroscopic gum material is xanthan gum.

8. (Currently amended) A bi - or multi-~~layer~~phase tablet according to claim 21, wherein ~~containing~~ at least one ~~phase or layer that~~ contains from about 20 % to about 100%, ~~in~~

~~particular from about 30% to about 90% or from about 50% to 80% of hygroscopic gum material.~~

9. (Currently amended) A bi- or multi-layer~~phase~~ tablet according to ~~any of claim 21,~~ wherein the tablet is coated ~~with a suitable coating.~~

10. (Currently amended) A bi - or multi-layer~~phase~~ tablet according to ~~any of claim 9,~~ wherein the tablet is coated with a HPMC or PVA.

11. (Currently amended) A process for manufacturing a bi- or multi-layer~~phasie~~ tablet as ~~elaimed~~ in claim 1, said process comprising forming two or more pre-shaped layers~~phases~~ and compressing the two or more pre-shaped layers~~phases~~ in an ~~appropriate~~ compressing apparatus.

12. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 11, comprising compressing a ~~suitable~~ topiramate containing composition as to form a layer, laying a composition containing hygroscopic gum material on this said topiramate containing layer, and compressing the whole; ~~and if desired laying further compositions of topiramate and/or further compositions containing hygroscopic gum material thereon and each time subjecting the whole to a compression; and if further desired coating the thus prepared dosage form.~~

13. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 11, comprising compressing a composition containing hygroscopic gum material as to form a layer, laying a ~~suitable~~ topiramate containing composition on the hygroscopic gum material containing layer, and compressing the whole; ~~and if desired laying further compositions containing topiramate and/or further compositions containing hygroscopic gum material thereon and each time subjecting the whole to a compression; and if further desired coating the thus prepared dosage form.~~

14. (New) A bi- or multi-layer tablet according to claim 1, wherein at least one layer contains from about 30% to about 90% or from about 50% to about 80% of hygroscopic gum material.